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Wayne, please find attached a summary of our meeting my meeting with UDWQ. Please review - if consistent with your notes, please call on the 23rd I will finalize formally transmit to everyone.

Thanks

Glenn

*I Called Glenn's office
2/25/98 and confirmed
that the proposed schedule
would probably work for us.
Wayne Hedberg*



February 20, 1998

TO: Wayne Hedberg (UDOGM)
Dennis Frederick (UDWQ)

RE: Barrick Mercur Closure Schedule

ISSUE:

Pursuant to my meetings with UDOGM on 02/18/98 and UDWQ on 02/19/98, I have provided below a composite summary of these meetings. My purpose was to provide each agency an update on the status of closure activities at Mercur and obtain an approach for agency review and approval of necessary regulatory items. **Please review the following composite for acceptability and call me on Monday February 23, 1998 to finalize:**

1. Monthly project progress meetings among Barrick, UDOGM & UDWQ. Tuesday afternoon appears to be the best day/time as Mercur management and consultants regularly meet Tuesday mornings. The following dates could be scheduled for long-term planning purposes:

- March 10, 1998 @ UDWQ or UDOGM, 1:30 PM
- April 7, 1998 @ UDWQ or UDOGM, 1:30 PM
- May 12, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
- June 9, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
- July 14, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
- August 11, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM
- September 15, 1998 @ Mercur, 1:30 PM

Barrick would be responsible for agenda preparation at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting date. Each agenda would consist of a project status update by Barrick and discussion items provided by both Barrick and agency staff. Consultants, other regulatory agencies, or political jurisdictions will be present as needed.

The agenda for the initial meeting March 10, 1998 will be finalized by March 3, 1998. A tentative agenda includes:

- Introduction of Barrick closure management team and retained consultants.
- Introduction of UDOGM & UDWQ staff assigned to Mercur closure review & approval.
- Closure scope & schedule update - BARRICK.
- Status review of construction specifications and drawings - BARRICK.
- Status review of pending reviews & primary concerns - UDOGM.
- Status review of pending reviews & primary concerns - UDWQ.
- Discussion of agenda targets for April 1998 meeting - BARRICK / UDOGM / UDWQ.

2. Immediate UDOGM priorities for information to be supplied by Barrick as soon as possible include:
 - Mercur Canyon access road realignment construction and stability analyses & drawings.
 - Mercur/Sacramento mining area re-proposed final contour construction drawings.
 - Historical access re-establishment final proposed construction drawings.
3. Immediate UDWQ priorities for information to be supplied by Barrick as soon as possible include:
 - Valley Fill Leach Area 3 closure cover construction drawings.
 - Mercur/Sacramento mining area re-proposed final contour construction drawings.
 - Incidental flow management for tailing impoundment construction drawings.
 - Tailing impoundment final proposed cover construction drawings and support specifications.

ACTION:

The general outline described above was presented to Barrick Mercur senior management on Friday, February 20, 1998. Support for this concerted approach was received. Pending final approval by UDOGM & UDWQ on Monday, February 23, 1998 a final memorandum will be prepared for general distribution.

I think that this approach can satisfy all interests involved in the closure of Mercur. Thank you again for your cooperation and I look forward to hearing from you on the 23rd.

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